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\$820,000 Settlement Reached with Imperial Irrigation District

San Diego --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announced a settlement with the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) for hazardous waste violations at several of its facilities.

Under terms of the Final Judgment and Injunction Pursuant to Stipulation (Judgment) signed on September 9, 2004, the IID will pay a total of \$820,000 of which \$325,000 is civil penalties and \$120,000 is reimbursement of costs incurred by DTSC. The remaining \$375,000 is for Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEP). A copy of the Judgment formalizing the settlement is available on the DTSC website at

http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Imperial_Irrigation/Imperial-Irrigation-Dist_ENF_Judgment.pdf.

The settlement pertains to violations observed by DTSC inspectors at several of the facilities that IID owns and operates. As part of the settlement, IID must conduct a preliminary endangerment assessment and clean up remaining contaminations as required by DTSC.

IID will fund five SEPs. IID will purchase and donate equipment to Imperial County's first response personnel, establish a hazardous waste management training fund for farmers, generators of hazardous waste and facilities, remove and recycle approximately 945 pounds of mercury containing equipment, and establish a fund for training of federal, state and local personnel in hazardous waste management and emergency response.

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.